

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of April 21, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 15, 23, 57, and 60-62 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11-16, 19-23, 57, and 60-62 remain pending.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that all the claims would be allowable if the independent claims 1, 15, 23, 57, and 60-62 are rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims in response.

With respect to the objections noted for the independent claims on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, appropriate clarification has been made. Applicants again thank the Examiner for noting the clarifications. With the amendments to the claims, the objections are rendered moot.

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11-16, 19-23, 57, and 60-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In response, each of independent claims 1, 15, 23, 57, and 60-62 has been amended to further clarify the scope of the claims. Specifically, each of independent claims 1, 15, 23, 57, and 60-62 recite “wherein X_w and Z_w denote corresponding X and Z values with respect to a standard illuminants defined by CIE” and “wherein m denotes a rotational part, t denotes a transitional part, n denotes an inverse rotational part, and u denotes an inverse transitional part.” The amendments are fully supported by Applicants’ original written description and drawings and do not add new matter. With the amendments to the claims, the rejections are rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. If any fees are required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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